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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF: EPA Region 5 Records Ctr. 285888

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19 May 1981

SUBJECT:

LPC-40 8/79 dtd May 1, 1981 Process Alliance Partnership

608 Railroad Street Joliet, Illinois 60436 Development Permit RECEIVED

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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Land Permit Section, Division of Land/Noise Pollution Control 2200 Churchill Road Springfield, Illinois 62706

Gentlemen:

Thank you for inviting our comments on this proposed development permit for Process Alliance Partnership at 608 Railroad Street, Joliet, Illinois. We have previously commented on the proposed permit for this activity on 4 November 1980 and on 13 February 1981 in response to your inquiries on LPC-40-8/79 dated October 15, 1980 and February 10, 1981 respectively.

As of this date, the noxious odors emanating from Process Alliance Partnership's operation continue to interfere with our operations primarily by causing our people to become nauseous after inhaling the noxious fumes that are carried into our work area by winds from the north and northeast. A few of our people are incapacitated and unable to continue normal operations in the presence of the noxious odors. All of our people exposed to the odors suffer some form of psychological or physiological discomfort that interferes with their work. We have 30 to 40 people regularly working at the installation and as many as half of these people must work outside the office building where they are exposed to the odors. The end result of exposure to the odors is a loss of production and a lowering of the morale of our work force.

As of this date, our people have been exposed to this disturbing condition nearly a year. We can see no indication that the people are able to adjust to the odors because they continue to become nauseous and incapacitated.

The owners of the Process Alliance Partnership have made a genuine effort to control the release of odors and have indicated to me that they have done everything possible yet we continue to suffer the ill effects of these odors.

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We have been operating at this location for over 30 years continuing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' business of operating and maintaining the Illinois Waterway from Utica to Chicago, which is a vital artery in the waterborne commerce system of our nation. We do not think that our employees should have to suffer the physical and emotional stresses created by Process Alliance Partnership's operations. I must register my strenuous objection to the issuance of any permit which would condone the operations of Process Alliance Partnership at 608 Railroad Street, Joliet, Illinois.

Sincerely,

R. E. HOUCK

Project Engineer

Joliet Project Office